

ASTOR AMERICAN

He Swears His Home Is in England and Therefore He Is Exempt.
BUT HE'S STILL A CITIZEN.
Says He Pays Personal Taxes in London and Does Not Want to Pay Here.

WONT SAY WHAT HE IS WORTH.
Assistant Corporation Counsel Ward Says Mr. Astor's Position Appears to Him to Be Correct in Law.

WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR'S PERSONAL TAXES.

For 1898—	
Assessment	\$2,000,000
Tax rate	.0201
Taxes paid to New York City	40,200
For 1899—	
Assessment	\$2,000,000
Tax rate (approximately)	.025
Taxes	50,000

To contest the payment of this \$50,000 Mr. Astor has taken a trip to New York.

Does William Waldorf Astor live in the Borough of Manhattan or in his legal residence No. 18 Carlton House Terrace, London, England?

On the answer to this question depends about \$50,000 of this year's tax receipts. It was in order to emphasize his denial that his home was in the United States that Mr. Astor found it necessary to cross the Atlantic to tell his tax troubles to Thomas L. Feltner, president of the Board of Tax Commissioners. Mr. Feltner heard Mr. Astor's complaint yesterday in his office No. 280 Broadway.

Mr. Astor called away from New York for good in 1887. In 1895, through his New York lawyers, Mr. Astor complained that his assessment for personal property was high. He threatened to contest it on the ground of non-residence if it were not reduced.

His case was successful, and the amount of his personal assessment was lowered to \$2,000,000, at which amount it has remained ever since. Mr. Astor has paid in without any question since an affidavit filed with the Tax Commissioners in 1890 that he was not a resident of New York.

Practically, Mr. Astor's lawyer, but not by Mr. Astor himself, the Tax Commissioners replied that they regarded it as insufficient proof of non-residence and the tax was paid. No complaint was entered the next two years, and it was not until he revealed another of his financial assessments for 1890 that Mr. Astor's protest was again heard by the Tax Commissioners.

Swore Himself a Non-Resident. Immediately upon the receipt of the notice of this year's assessment Mr. Peabody presented to the Commissioners an affidavit which Mr. Astor himself had signed in English home in order to prove that he did not live in New York.

But the Tax Commissioners were inexorable. They refused to accept Mr. Peabody's statement that a personal examination of Mr. Astor would be necessary to establish his residence. Mr. Peabody's protest was based on the ground of non-residence.

It was this announcement that brought Mr. Astor from London and Mr. Astor, Mr. Peabody and Mr. Peabody's attorney, rather to President Feltner's office yesterday morning. Mr. Astor apparently did not expect to be heard. He seemed to be a visitor when he made his "tourist's" appearance on board the Mastic.

He took off his long gray overcoat and flung it over the back of a chair near the head of the long table where President Feltner and Assistant Corporation Counsel James M. Ward were seated.

"Gentlemen, this is Mr. Astor," said Mr. Peabody. Mr. Feltner and Mr. Ward rose and shook Mr. Astor's gloved hand. "Every body is pleased to see you," said Mr. Feltner.

And then Mr. Astor put up his right hand and took the oath to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Mr. Astor, who is a citizen of the United States, was examined by Mr. Ward, who conducted the examination.

"Yes," was the reply. "When did you cease to be a resident of New York?" "In 1887, when I moved my furniture and household effects to London."

Mr. Astor explained that English tax collectors agreed with him in his idea of his residence. "I don't see why I should pay any here," he said. "And I don't see why I should pay any here," was one of Mr. Ward's questions. "At No. 18 Carlton House Terrace, London."

A GOWN EXCHANGE THE NEWEST FAD IN SOCIETY.

Leading Women's Plan to Aid Poor Actresses to Wear Stunning Costumes.

APPLAUSE FOR THE SCHEME

Its Details, Not Fully Matured, Awaited Eagerly by Beneficiaries

A chain forged of ball gowns is about to connect the women of the stage and the women of society.

A new woman's exchange, where gowns that have been worn by the Four Hundred may fall into the hands of those whose business it is to contribute to their amusement is soon to open its doors. It is a gigantic plan to solve the question of how modern actresses may provide themselves



MISS DE FORREST BY JULIAN STORY.

with suitable costumes without depriving themselves and their families of the ordinary necessities of life.

A number of society women, convinced that the time has come for histrionic play is ten times as easy with a wardrobe of handsome and becoming gowns, have become enthusiastic about the benefits that may accrue from this new exchange.

Five of them already stand pledged to give the undertaking all the assistance in their power. The roll of charter members will include the names of Mrs. James Harriman, Mrs. George de Forest, Mrs. Burke Roche, Miss Gaudet and Miss de Forest.

Not a single discouraging comment has been uttered. The plan is to be thought in the midst of activity. The salary of one woman and the rest of one room are all required.

A sixth woman added: "The new exchange will be successful because it asks only for what we are ready to give."

How the Plan Originated. Elizabeth Marbury, the dramatic agent, at a breakfast some weeks ago, spoke freely of the plan, which now promises to become a reality. She related instances of young actresses who might have joined stock companies if only they had had the clothes to carry them through a list of parts.

"She got her engagement," said Miss Marbury. "I don't see why she might not have succeeded if she had looked so well, but I do say she wouldn't have succeeded so easily. A wardrobe is necessary from the very beginning. From the moment that the aspirant for histrionic honors stands in the manager's outer office her heart beats as loud as her throat at the thought of the wardrobe she will need."

The exchange will be, above all, a God-send to the young aspirant who needs an engagement in a play. When she is not studying, she must plan how to remodel her clothes. The word "fashion" is hurried into her brain. One fashionable gown, with removable yoke and sleeves, an adjustable train, an overture that may be worn or not, she makes serve for four different plays. Slippers that she puts up at night to cover with different, lined satin, a paradox which is transformed by a

GERMS OF GRIP! GERMES OF GRIP!

Experiments Showing That These Deadly Microbes Can Be Exterminated.

Willard H. Morse, M. D., F. R. S., of Westfield, N. J., a well-known and prominent consulting chemist and bacteriologist, has recently issued an important article upon the treatment of grip. He took some of the germs of microbes of grip, put them upon a glass slide under the microscope, and killed them absolutely by a drop of whiskey. Such a demonstration of cure would be sufficient for an ordinary observer, but it was not enough for Dr. Morse. He says we must know three things. First, the preventive of disease; second, the sustaining of the powers of the body; and third, rendering the system inflexible to germs or bacilli. Therefore, he says, to successfully kill the germs of grip and render the body able to resist them, "IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE WHISKY."

This is putting the truth in a nutshell. But the eminent doctor goes still farther and says: "Ordinary whiskey is either useless or dangerous, or both, in the treatment of grip."

"Dr. Morse draws this conclusion wholly by experiment and FACTS PROVEN UNDER THE MICROSCOPE. Like all scientists, he comes to his conclusion only after testing and proving and does not attempt to go farther."

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MRS. BURKE ROCHE. PHOTO BY DUPONT.

Interested in the Establishment of a Gown Exchange. new how or a bit of flimsy drapery, gloves which, though she had worn it but a couple of times, was not her liking. It had been a gift from her husband, an expensive gift, so she expressed her desire to be rid of it in a whisper only to the old clothes dealer. At the end of a few moments' conference the cloak changed hands.

Not more than a week later, with her husband, madame, the first owner of the cloak, saw it to her horror, borne on to the stage on the shoulders of a leading lady of a new play. Madame had not told her husband, an observing man, of her transaction, so the situation promised to be a trifling embarrassing. However, she relieved it by only answering his comments with, "Yes, it does look very like mine; indeed, so like that I cannot possibly wear mine again." He was thus never completely enlightened as to the cause of the marvelous resemblance.

Surrounded by autographed photographs of celebrities who are her friends, Mrs. James Harriman applauded the excellence of any idea that would assist the American actress to dress more tastefully.

Stage Dressing Needs Taste. "The first thing one notices," she said, "on attending the theatres here after returning from abroad is the lack of taste displayed in stage dressing. If society women established an exchange, where they might send their gowns, certain of them, at least, would serve as an education to certain of the actresses in the art of modern dressing. But," added Mrs. Harriman, whose good heart looks out in the brilliant light of her eyes, "how they manage to make any sort of an appearance on their salaries is what I can't understand."

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HANNA SQUIRMS AT BEEF IMPLICATION.

Greatly Disturbed Because Eagan Was Asked if He Ever Spoke to Him.

HE ABUSES MAYOR LEE.

Armour and Swift, Well Frightened, Are Employing Many Detectives.

Q. Did you ever see or confer with Senator Hanna and others with reference to contracts? A. I am pretty positive that I never spoke to Senator Hanna in my life. Let me see. Yes, I think he was pointed out to me once.

Q. Were you ever present at a conference between any one else and Senator Hanna when a contract was discussed? A. Well, the Secretary sent for me one day in regard to an award and some one had spoken to him. There were a couple of gentlemen in the room, but I don't know who they were. If Senator Hanna was there, I didn't know it. Extract from Commissioner-General Eagan's testimony before Court of Inquiry, in answer to Major Lee's questions.

Washington, April 3.—In a note to the Associated Press from Thomasville, Ga., Senator Mark Hanna says: "I see in the newspapers that one Major Lee has attempted to drag my name into the case by questions which conveyed the impression that I was present at some conference where beef contracts were discussed. I wish to say that I never had anything to do with any army contract, nor even exchanged a word with any official of the War Department on that subject. I make this statement in order that it may have the same publicity as was given to the contemptible insinuations of this man Lee."

Lee Amazed at the Senator. Major Lee, when shown Senator Hanna's note, said: "I made no insinuations against or allusions in a contemptuous or contemptible way to anybody during the proceedings before the Court of Inquiry. My whole desire was to bring out all the facts that were pertinent to the issue, and I never tried to break down the evidence of any witness who I thought was telling the truth. I can hardly believe, as this report says, that a man of the high reputation of Senator Hanna would think of making a remark of that kind about a man who has served his country for over thirty-eight years."

Hanna's Bling at Lee has been expected, and every one is wondering how the Senator will punish the army officer who, by a connected him, with interest in beef contracts. That Lee will suffer eventually if Alger and Hanna can make him suffer is a foregone conclusion. Lee is a grizzled veteran of the civil war. He was informed on credible authority that a beef contract was O. K'd by Alger in Hanna's presence. Hanna's presumptive request because of Hanna's interest.

The Packers Are Frightened. The Armour and the Swifts are demoralized by the developments of the past week before the Court of Inquiry. They are on the defensive and hard pressed. Their anxiety is demonstrated by the fact that they have employed a corps of detectives to watch the agents of General Miles, of Colonel Garlington and of Inspector-General Breckinridge. They are spending money lavishly to drum up witnesses who will offer the evidence of the officers and men offered and to be offered in support of General Miles.

The statement was made to a Journal reporter last night by an agent of Swift & Co. that the statement of General Eagan that Armour & Co. had put in a bid for processed beef was a very serious blow to the Armour.

"I am utterly unable," this agent said, "to explain General Eagan's action. I will tell you, however, that another severe blow administered this week, when a chemist formerly in their employ will swear that he was engaged by them to prepare a preservative containing borax and salicylic acid. General Miles has an affidavit from the chemist to this effect."

The Court of Inquiry did not examine any witnesses today. It, however, held an important executive session, having under consideration a list of witnesses offered by General Miles. The list contains more than 125 names, principally of surgeons, inspectors and commissaries who were in Cuba and Porto Rico during the war.

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